1	2
3. Delhi	1
4. Haryana	1
5. Himachal Pradesh	2
6. Madhya Pradesh	13
7. Maharashtra	5
8. Uttar Pradesh	4
9. Gujarat	5
10. West Bengal	4
11. Rajasthan	1
Total	39

Statement-II

Statewise sale of solar cookers during 1996-97

State	Sale*
1. Andhra Pradesh	1321
2. Gujarat	865
3. Haryana	1800
4. Himachal Pradesh	1035
5. Madhya Pradesh	13022
6. Maharashtra	950
7. Uttar Pradesh	2500
8. Rajasthan	1295
9. Punjab	1795
10. Goa	15
11. West Bengal	700
12. Orissa	116
13. Tamilnadu	4
14. Tripura	6
15. Arunachal Pradesh	269
16. Rest of the States	NIL
Total	25693

* Figures are subject to finalization.

Export of Aspirin by KSSC/MMTC

6656. SHRI P.C. CHACKO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals Limited having joint venture with Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (MMTC) intends to export the 'Aspirin';

(b) if so, whether the Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals has sent samples of Aspirin to MMTC for approval;

(c) if so, whether the State Government of Kerala has also urged MMTC to take steps in locating a suitable foreign market for their products and also arrange for import of raw materials; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d) MMTC does not have any joint venture with M/s. Kerala State Salicylates and Chemicals Ltd. (KSSC). However, on the request of M/s. KSSC, MMTC has been exploring possibilities for export of Aspirin through its foreign offices. For this, samples were obtained from M/s. KSSC which were forwarded to their foreign offices of MMTC. M/s. KSSC has not approached MMTC for arranging import of raw materials for their products.

Performance of Export Promotion Councils

6657. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various Export Promotion Councils presently operating in the country for export promotion and its functions thereof, separately;

(b) whether performance of Export Promotion Councils has been reviewed recently for the last three years;

(c) if so, the details of the performance in terms of set norms of assessment, Council-wise;

(d) whether the Government are proposed to take any fresh initiative for restructuring the functioning of various Export Promotion Councils and strengthening their network in the country to sub-serve the interests of exporters in various State during 1997-98;

(e) whether any proposals have been received from

the Government of Maharashtra in this regard and the action taken thereon; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) There are in all 20 Export Promotion Council out of which 11 fall under the purview of Ministry of Commerce and 9 under the purview of Ministry of Textiles. A list of these councils is given in Statement-I attached. The functions of all these Councils are of a similar nature with their main function being export promotion. These function are listed in attached Statement-II.

(b) and (c) The performance of these councils is reviewed on a regular basis and wherever necessary the required remedial action is taken.

(d) No specific decision has been taken for restructuring the functions of various Export Promotion Councils. However, efforts are made from time to time to further strengthen these Councils so as to cater to the needs of the exporting community in an effective manner.

(e) and (f) Since no general restructuring of Export Promotion Councils is considered to be necessary, no such proposal is receiving attention of the Government.

Statement-I

List of Export Promotion Councils

(i) Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC), New Delhi.

(ii) Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council (CHEMEXCIL), Mumbai.

(iii) Cashew Export Promotion Council, Kochi.

(iv) Carpet Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

(v) Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXCIL), Calcutta.

(vi) Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL) Mumbai.

(vii) Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

(viii) Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC), Calcutta.

(ix) Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) Mumbai.

(x) Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi

(xi) Handloom Export Promotion Council (HEPC), Channai.

(xii) Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai.

(xiii) Council for Leather exports (CLE), Channai.

(xiv) Overseas Construction Council of India (OCCI), Mumbai.

(xv) Plastics & Lenoleums Export Promotion Council (PLEXICIL), Mumbai.

(xvi) Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.

(xvii) Sports Goods Export Promotion Council (SGEPC), New Delhi.

(xviii) Synthetic and Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai.

(xix) Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council New Delhi.

(xx) The Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council (PDEXCIL).

Statement-II

The major functions of the Export Promotion Councils are :-

(a) To provide commercially useful information and assistance to their members in developing and increasing their exports;

(b) to offer professional advice to their members in areas such as technology upgradation, quality and design improvement, standards and specifications, product development, innovation, etc;

(c) to organise visits of delegations of its members abroad to explore overseas market oppurtunities;

(d) to organise participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, and buyer-seller meets in India and abroad;

(e) to promote interaction between the exporting community and the Government both at the Central and State levels; and

(f) to build a statistical base and provide date on the exports and imports of the country exports and imports of their members as well as other relevant international trade data.